

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee
Slusser Center

February 4, 2010

There was a meeting of the Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee on Thursday February 4, 2010 (there was not a Landfill Committee meeting in January). The meeting began at 7 P.M. with Karen Irwin, Barbara Corliss, Bob LaPree, Bob Drown, Sally Embley, and Steve Clough present. Frank Davis, Rich Houston, and Tom Mullins also attended the meeting.

The draft minutes for December were passed around for review. The Project Summary to NHDES on the residential water supply issue and the January 5, 2010 letter to the Concord regional Cooperative regarding the towns' withdrawal were provided to committee members.

Steve explained the project summary and answered questions. The history of the issue was reviewed. The risk factor involved with the community well option, as well as other alternatives, was outlined. The cost item sheet details were examined and Karen had several questions and comments on the operational requirements and costs.

The committee discussed the withdrawal from the Concord Regional Cooperative. The original charter, the second and third restatements, and related issues were discussed. The terms and conditions will be negotiated between representatives of the Cooperative and the towns. The proposed new contract, tipping fee and shipping costs, and long term implications were reviewed. Both towns will have articles on their warrants to withdraw from the Cooperative.

Karen made a motion to accept the December Minutes, Bob Lapree seconded it, and the vote was unanimous with Barbara abstaining (she was on vacation during the December meeting).

Rich showed the committee an example of a PAYT bag and voucher ticket. He explained details, options, and costs. He asked the committee to take a position on what type of bags and/or vouchers should be used if a PAYT program is voted in and what the cost per bag should be. He is trying to keep the bags/voucher cost of the program low and keep the cost of trash bag disposal down around \$1.00 a bag to be fair to residents. There was much discussion but no vote.

Sally asked about the swap shop proposal. Tom asked how the proposal would be funded and who would have final say. Steve said that the proposal could be voted on anytime, including at the next Landfill Committee meeting, and details such as financing should be included with the recommendation. The Select boards ultimately have to agree on approval.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M.